

# The Daily Gazetteer.

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Answer from a Merchant of London, to a Member of Parliament.

IR.  
INCE you were pleased to desire my Sentiments on the present Duty of Excise on Molasses Spirits, and on Duties on Sugar, as to their Consequence to this Nation, I am to inform you, that before the 29th Day of September, 1742, One Shilling per Gallon was charged upon the Distiller for the Duty on Spirits extracted from Molasses; which fine Spirits extracted from Foreign Materials, of the Produce of British Plantations; and from hence, an additional Duty of One Shilling per Gallon was charged; which double Duty amounts to more than the Distillers have given for the Molasses this new Duty was imposed.

It has been found by Experience, that this additional Duty will not raise the Price of the Spirits in Proportion to the Tax, because French Run-Brandy is oftentimes 3 s. to 3 s. 6 d. per Gallon, on our Sea Coasts; on the contrary, it has lower'd the Price of Molasses from about 16 s. to about 10 s. per Hundred Weight; and Molasses usually sold in England at 20 s. per Hundred Weight, and upwards, before it was over-burthen'd with Duties of Excise. This Imposition therefore must be highly prejudicial to our Sugar-Trade, and equally prejudicial to that of Foreigners; because Discounts on one Side, will always prove of Advantage to the Competitor.

If it be found expedient to reduce this Duty, the Planter will receive the Advantage in the Price of Molasses; because the Spirits extracted therefrom, will keep up its Price, according to its fineness and Quality to French Brandy; and thereby in Competition with French Run-Brandy, to the Benefit of the French Nation, and without interfering with Malt Spirits; as the Price of these Molasses Spirits will be far beyond that of Malt, and, consequently, beyond the Reach of the Sort of People.

You find that this Tax on Molasses lies on the Producers, and not on the Consumer; and so it is in the Case of Sugar, as you will perceive by the inclosed Table on Taxes in general on British Sugar.

It is therefore evident, that too high Duties in any Part of the (b) Produce of British Sugars, are inconsistent with the true Interest of this Nation, as we have dangerous Rivals to struggle with; and besides, the Sugar is, in Effect, the Produce of Great Britain, as our Wool; since our Sugar Plantations are established, maintained, and supported with British Produce and Manufactures, either directly, or by a Circular Trade: And the Supplies and Products of our Plantations are transported in Ships built in British Docks, and navigated by British Seamen.

It hence appears, that the Consumption of Molasses and Rum, of the Produce of our Plantations, is a Means of paying for the Labour of great Numbers of British Manufacturers, Artificers, and Seamen; and it is evident, that the Navigation, Wealth, and Strength of Britain, must increase in Proportion to the Consumption of the Products of its West-India Islands. Moreover, if a Consumption of those Products be duly encouraged, it would countervail, in some Measure, the many Advantages the French have over us; and is now too evident, from the surprising Increase of their Trade of their Islands in the West-Indies over ours, during the last (c) Thirty Years. But forbid this American Trade should go on in the (d) worse Course, any longer; for should we be the Cause, our Fate must soon be determin'd; and it is more than probable, that this Increase of the Commerce, besides the many Duties that have from Time been imposed, and continued on our

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The French have increased from the Quantity of 30,000 Hogheads to 150,000, or thereabouts; and the English, from about 40,000, to no more than 70,000 Hogheads, that Term.  
The late Duty on Molasses varies the Course to the Service of the British Planter.

Plantation Products; together with the (e) wise Establishment of the French Council of Commerce, and the many Advantages that have accrued to that Nation therefrom; which have not been discovered, but from the Effects of them.

Be this however as it may, I am fully persuaded that the Manly Genius of the British Nation will once more at length arise, exert its ancient Vigour, protect and cherish its West-India Colonies, confound their Enemies, and assert, and gloriously maintain, the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom, by searching narrowly into the present State, Laws, Establishments, and Rules of the American Commerce; and retrenching what is superfluous and inconvenient, and supplying what is insufficient, by prudent Regulations; and that without Delay.

I shall now endeavour to obviate some Doubts, with respect to the supposed Advantages arising to the Sugar-Planters, from the advanced Prices of Sugar; by shewing the advanced Charges on that Commodity since the Commencement of the present War; viz.

	The Hundred Weight.
Freight to Europe advanced	2 6
Insurance to Europe, with Commission and Brokerage advanced	3 8
The Price of the Plantation Supplies, and Taxes for the Fortifications, and Defence of the Islands, advanced	6 4

The Hundred Weight 12 6

From the above Account it will appear, that although Sugars have for some Weeks past been sold for about 37 s. per Hundred Weight in an Average, yet the Planter is no Gainer by this Advance in the Price since the War; but, on the contrary, he is a Loser: For 37 s. per Hundred, under the present advanced Charges, is no more than equal to 24 s. 6 d. in Time of Peace; and it is notorious, that the Price of Sugar is never affected by any extraordinary Charges on it; for it can be made appear by those who have been longest engaged in the Sugar Trade, that the Importer thereof never could, upon any additional Duty, Freight, or other Charge upon that Commodity, in the least raise the Price of it; but the Price is always govern'd by the Quantity imported, which cannot be ascertain'd; or proportion'd according to the Demand, as in the Case of many other Commodities.

As a farther Proof to this Assertion, it can be made appear, that since the Year 1729, Muscovado Sugar sold in England, for Seven Years together, at 22 s. per Hundred Weight in an Average, notwithstanding there was Forty Thousand Hogsheads of Sugar re-exported to Foreign Ports within that Term; and it is well known, that that low Price of 22 s. per Hundred Weight (after paying Duties, besides other Expences) baulk'd the Settlement of several new Plantations, and knock'd up several old Ones; inasmuch, that the Importation of Sugar into Great Britain decreased at least 15,000 Hogsheads per Annum, for several Years together.

I am,  
SIR,

(e) The French have not lain any Duty on their Sugar since the Year 1698, however pressing the Exigencies of their Government might have been since that Time.

To the AUTHOR of the DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR,

WHEN I published my *Apology for the Business of Pawnbroking*, I had not the Vanity to think, that any one cou'd esteem it of Importance enough, to take upon him to answer it in Form; was therefore surprised to see (the very next Day after the *Apology* was published) an Advertisement, that *A Plain Answer, &c.* would come forth on the ensuing Tuesday. But my Surprise was much increased, to find that another was before-hand with the Impartial Author of the *Plain Answer*; and that on Saturday, being the 12th Instant, was published a Pamphlet, entitled, *Reasons against licensing Pawnbrokers.*

I should have taken no Notice of either of these Writers, had not the last-mentioned Pamphlet been a Performance so extraordinary, that it has been suspected that I wrote it myself, or procured it to be wrote. I thought myself therefore obliged to declare, that I do not so much as know who the *polite and learned Author* may be. And that all that I have, or will have to say

to these worthy Gentlemen, is this; that (whether they may know it or no) I know myself to be,

Their much obliged humble Servant,

The APOLOGIST.

## HOME PORTS.

Dover, January 21. Wind W. S. W. Arrived the Defence Privateer, Capt. Bapham, from a Cruize; and the Three Brothers, Bruce, from New England, last from Portsmouth. Came in the Mary, Pearce, from London for Exeter.

Deal, January 21. Wind W. S. W. This Morning arrived his Majesty's Ships the Jersey, Winchester, and Saltash Sloop, the Feron, Sutherland, and the Centurion Privateer, all from Portsmouth; and several Coasters under their Convoy, from the Westward. Put back this Afternoon his Majesty's Ship the Ludlow Castle, with the Outward-bound Ships. Came down the Juddeth, Bradshaw, for Lisbon; the Mediterranean, Smith, for Dublin; and the —, Grace, for Liverpool; and remain with his Majesty's Ships the Harwich, Shoreham, and Granado Bomb. The Saltash is sailed for the River.

Gravesend, January 21. Passed by the Calais Picket, Gibbie, from Ostend; and the Valentia, Serpope, from Gottenburg.

Arrived At Kinsale, the —, Faulkner, from St. John's, for Bristol.

## LONDON.

There are some private Letters from Paris, which say, that the Funds hitherto devised, will by no Means answer the Expences of the next Year; and that the Alteration of the Coin has been resolved upon, as the only Expedient that can answer.

The same Letters say, that the Intendants of several Provinces have represented to the Court, that the Inspectors of Parishes, in their Divisions, have reported, that it is simply impossible to complete the Levies for the Militia, without taking married Men, or such as hitherto have been excepted; which has occasioned the suspending, for a Time, the Orders that have been issued on that Head.

At a Court Martial, lately held at Portsmouth, a Captain was mulcted a Year's Pay, for not firing his Stern Guns when first attack'd. The other Court Martials are postponed till the Arrival of Admiral Medley, with the Squadron under his Command.

The Thames, Merchant, passed by Gibraltar the 4th of December.

The Queen of Hungary, Faulkner, for London, was well at Philadelphia, the 30th, N. S.

A few Days ago died, in a very advanced Age, at Stourminster-Marsh in Dorsetshire, the Rev. Mr.蒙古, Minister of that Parish.

Last Monday the Chevalier de Champigny, Minister from the Elector of Cologne, had a Private Audience of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; wherein he remitted from his Master a Congratulation of his Royal Highness's Birth-D.y. He was afterwards, with several other Foreign Ministers, &c. splendidly entertain'd by the Right Hon. the Earl of Scarborough, Treasurer to his Royal Highness.

Yesterday a great Number of Journeymen Taylors attended at the House of Commons, to deliver their Gifts to the several Members, setting forth their Hardships relating to their Wages, and humbly begging Relief.

Last Monday Night died the Lady of Capt. Rogers, at his House in Petty-France, Westminster.

Last Monday died, in advanced Years, at her Lodgings within Bishopsgate, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Relict of Edward Fitzgerald, Esq; of Wormley in Surry.

Sir Robert Westley, Knt. Alderman of Queenhithe Ward, has appointed Mr. Edward Davies, a great Grocer on Bread-street Hill, to be his Deputy, in the room of Robert Alsop, Esq; who has resign'd.

Last Friday the Rev. Mr. Guayham, of Coneyhatch in Middlesex, was married to Miss Hunter, Third Daughter to Mr. James Hunter, a great Packer in Leadenhall-Street.

From the London Gazette.

Gibraltar, December 14. On the 8th Instant a Fleet of 8-ips, making in all 19 Sail, appeared about three Leagues distant from the Hill. Nine of them appeared to be French Men of War, of 60 Guns each, or upwards. On the 10th, it blowing a strong Levant Wind, the said Fleet sailed thro' the Gut to the Westward, and came close by Europa Point. His Britannick Majesty's



Ship the Phoenix fell in with them the 10th, in the Night; as did also the Guernsey, the 11th in the Morning, but they outlasted them, and got safe in here. We have Advice, that there is in the Bay of Cadiz three Register Ships fitting out for the West Indies; and the Terrible, a French Ship of 74 Guns, which, it is thought, is to join the Fleet which sailed through the Gut on the 10th.

#### BANKRUPT S.

Hamilton Peeters, late of the Maize, in the Parish of St. Olave, Southwark, in the County of Surry, Merchant.

William Aldrich, of Metfield, in the County of Suffolk, Maltster.

Daniel Lindsey, of Thames-street, London, Orange Merchant and Chapman.

William Windle, late of Cracoe, in the County of York, Woolstapler and Chapman.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge	5 07 10	07 32

Bank Stock, 144. India, 181 1-half. South Sea, 108. Old Annuity, 109 3-8ths to 1-4th. New ditto, 169 7-8ths to 3-4ths. Three per Cent. 89 1-half. Ditto 1743, 88 1-half. Ditto 1744, 88 1-half. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 189. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 18 s. to 12 s. Bank Circulation, 1 l. Salt Tally, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Millions Bank, 116. Equivalent, 108.

Admiralty-Office, January 21, 1744.

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having been informed, that a Disturbance has lately happened between two Lieutenants of his Majesty's Ships, employ'd in Pressing, and the Crews of some Merchant Ships performing Quarantine in Standgate Creek; in order therefore to quiet the Apprehensions of the Masters, and Crews of Merchant Ships, under such Circumstances; their Lordships have ordered this Publication to be made, to assure them, they shall not for the future be any ways molested by his Majesty's Officers employ'd in Pressing, not only while they are performing Quarantine in Standgate Creek, but also when the said Quarantine is finished, they shall be suffered to Navigate their Ships freely to their Moorings in the River Thames.

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